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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b)(4), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign documents are enclosed. Copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following remarks address the non-English Language documents:

1. **DE 295 00 381 U1** - An English language machine translation of this document is provided herewith.
2. **DE 32 27 984 A1** - An English language Derwent Abstract of this document is provided herewith.
3. **NL 9 200 878** - An English language Derwent Abstract of this document is provided herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.


Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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